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CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

BREAD RIOTS.

Amsterdam, July 2.—Demonstrations against the imprisonment of Herr Liebknecht at Potsdam and Berlin yesterday ended in riots. The military wounded 10 persons, and arrested 10 mostly Socialists. Soldiers strongly held Potsdam. The garrison has been reinforced. Women and children paraded at Cologne on the 28th June, making for bread and the soldiers were ordered to shoot them but the order was disobeyed. The police and soldiers then fired, killing and wounding many persons, whereupon the soldiers fled. The traffic from Cologne was stopped until the middle of last week. The "Telegraaf" reports that disturbances are taking place at Eben owing to a shortage of potatoes.

London, July 2nd.—An Italian wireless message from a reliable source states it has been ascertained that a Secret Council was recently held in Berlin, ex-Ministers participating. The Imperial Chancellor stated: "The situation everywhere is serious. If all goes well we can resist for some months and if the people are satisfied with little we can hold out till the spring of 1897. We have no other means of saving the situation than by separating France from her Allies."

Bern, July 2nd.—A copy of the "Munich Post," which was confiscated for having published details of the recent hunger riot at Munich, shows that thousands of citizens faced a dinnerless Sunday and paraded the streets on Saturday, the 18th June, hunting for food. A corporal shouted: "You ought to be content with potatoes." The soldiers in the trenches have more to put up with than those who stay at home." The disengaged crowds started to riot and chased the corporal who took refuge in a shop which was quickly wrecked; policemen rescued the corporal.

Immense crowds invaded the cafés and wrecked and plundered the premises. Troops with fixed bayonets cleared the streets. Many persons were wounded and 18 were arrested.

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
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8 A.M. HONAM 10 P.M. FATSHAN

THURSDAY, 10th AUGUST.

8 A.M. HONAM 10 P.M. HUANGSHAN

8 A.M. KINSHAN 10 P.M. HUANGSHAN

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MACAO TO HONGKONG.

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SUNDAY, 13th AUGUST.

The Company's Steamer "TAISHAN" will depart from the COMPANY'S WING-LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing-Lok Street Wharf.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

8.8. SUI-AN.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 P.M. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

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NOTICE

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY, the 12th August, 1916, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts of the Company to 30th June, 1916, with the Report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 4th to 12th August, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Aug. 1, 1916. 878

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MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

9:15 p.m.—The Palisade, Kowloon.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

10:30 a.m.—Auction of confiscated and unclaimed Goods and Jewellery at the Compound, Central Police Station.

11 a.m.—Auction of Propellers, Pipes, Fittings, etc. ex. s.s. "Chiyo Maru" at Kowloon Godowns.

1:30 p.m.—Concert by Humphrey Bishop Co. at Government House.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 11.—
10:30 a.m.—Auction of two Weighing Machines, Household Furniture, Singlets, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

11 a.m.—Auction of Boiler Covering Composition at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

3 p.m.—Auction of Office Furniture, Seats, Fittings, etc., etc. at No. 7 Queen's Road Central (formerly the Deutsch Asiatische Bank).

SATURDAY, August 12.—
Noon—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s half-yearly Meeting.

Night Fete at the V.R.C.

SAT. AND MON., Aug. 13 & 14.—
10:30 a.m.—Auction of Stock in Trade of C. J. Gaffey & Co. at Alexander Building.

SUNDAY, August 13.—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by "Taishan".

5 p.m.—Full moon.

this respect the United States will be taking up precisely the same attitude as England has taken up. If this be so, it should mean that when the terms of peace are signed the Power or Powers guilty of any infraction of them will have to count upon the influence of the United States as a strong military and naval Power being cast in the scale against them. This "Preparedness" campaign in America had its birth at a meeting of "a League to enforce Peace" at which President Wilson delivered an epoch-making speech. The *New Republic*, which is regarded as one of the most thoughtful of American journals, says of American "Preparedness":

"To England it means our aid as against an aggressor and an end to the fear that the British Commonwealth can be challenged and destroyed. To France it means that in a war of defense she would be guaranteed by the joint power of Britain and America. To Belgium it means that she becomes the ward not only of those competing nations but also of a Power which cannot be accused of any selfish designs upon her. The future violator of Belgium would face at once the united arms of Western civilisation. To Germany it means security in return for the abandonment of aggression. It offers her the choice between arming herself and attacking Europe and finding safety in a lead of the Western World. Let that alternative once be offered to the German people and if radical and social democracy Germany does not make the decent choice, it is because Germany is incapable of inventing anything. For our part we have no question that a people as educated as the Germans will make the right choice once the opportunity is offered with convincing sincerity. You can fool and frighten a people into aggression once but when the price is as terrible as the price has been, you cannot do it again if there is a plain alternative in sight."

"Let no-one suppose," say the *New Republic*, "that Mr. WILSON made his offer without realising its significance. It is a fact that there are definite assurances from the Foreign Offices, both of France and England, that such a league is desired. There is excellent reason for believing that Berlin is favourable to the idea." Mr. GARDINER also has stated that he has excellent reason to know personally that President WILSON only spoke after long and patient inquiry. That he was able to speak after that inquiry was made is the happiest omen of the future and, if that so, we can agree that President WILSON has given his country a new mission and the world a new hope.

MARRIAGE.

MATES.—LUCHEUNG.—On August 9th, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, STANLEY MAURICE, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayes, of Great Yarmouth, England, to ALICE BEATRICE, second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James LuChung, of 39, Robinson Road, Hongkong, and late of Melbourne, Australia. Australian Papers please copy.

**"PREPAREDNESS" IN JAPAN
AND AMERICA.**

WHY is America arming? And why is Japan increasing her armaments? Marquis OKUMA, the Prime Minister of Japan, is reported to have recently explained to an American interviewer that the extension of Japan's armaments "is merely for the purpose of defence." "A nation must have authority," he added, "in order not to be disgraced by other nations, and Japan does not want to be disgraced by the Powers." The suspicion has long existed on both sides of the Pacific that some day Japan and America will be at war with each other, and so we see now a readiness in Japan to suspect that America's "Preparedness" campaign can only have as its object war with Japan. Even the Japanese Prime Minister on the occasion to which we have alluded asked his American interrogators: "Why is there all this talk of war with Japan in the United States?" He admitted that there was justification for the United States' "Preparedness" campaign, but he gave no indication of any belief of his part that it was aimed at Japan. Marquis OKUMA saw a Europe "accustomed to plundering" after two years of war; hence there was need for America to be well-armed to preserve herself from insult and injury. In like manner, explained Marquis OKUMA, Japan feels the necessity of maintaining her position in the eyes of the world. The history of the competition in armaments in Europe is too recent for its lessons to be overlooked. "Defence" has always been the reason for armament, but as a brilliant English writer has recently put it: "When we of the Old World arm ourselves to the teeth we always say that it is to preserve ourselves against war. And we always find in the end that we are the creatures of the machine that we have created. Can we be sure that the New World will have a happier experience than the Old?" Mr. A. G. GRIMMEL, who asks this question takes the view that the sword which America forces will be used not to make war, "but to make war on war and to lay the foundation of world security."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A warning was sent out by the Manila Observatory to-day of a Typhoon in about 129° Long. E and 22° Lat. N., direction unknown.

We are asked to mention that tickets for the Humphrey Bishop Concert will be available at Government House on the night of the performance.

Mr. E. L. Ezra of Shanghai has bought for \$72,425,000 the properties in Whampoo Road occupied by the American Consulate. It is understood that Mr. Ezra has been approached with a view to the sale of the property to the American Government.

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The plaintiff proved his case and secured judgment with costs.

FAREWELL TO Rear-ADMIRAL ANSTRUTHER.

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CANTON SITUATION.

ACTION BY THE PEKING GOVERNMENT.

Telegrams from Peking state that the Government is taking up a very firm attitude in regard to the deplorable situation in Kwangtung Province, and is prepared to resort to extreme measures.

Li Lish Kwan, has been ordered to take his troops back to Yunnan Province and the Government threatens to despatch armies to deal with him if he disobeys.

Lung Chai Kwong has been asked by the Government to select either Mok King Yue or Tam Ho Ming to act as Tutch at Canton pending the arrival of Luk Wing Ting.

It is reported that the troops of Hunan and Kiangsi have been ordered to mobilise on the frontier, prepared to march on Kwangtung at any moment.

There has been little or no abatement in the fighting during the past few nights, in one neighbourhood of Wong Sha.

THE MAGISTRACY.

WANTED TO MAKE A FEW DOLLARS.

Persons who come to reside at the Seaman's Institute would be well advised to be cautious in their conversations. One conversation overheard at the building the other night ended in a Montenegrin being charged before Mr. J. R. Wood on a charge of being in possession of 16 ounces of morphine.

Ravenous Officer Wilden told the Magistrate that defendant came to Hongkong on July 30th and went to live at the Seaman's Institute. He got into conversation with a man and the result was that defendant's boxes were searched and the morphine discovered.

Defendant also made an appointment to meet a certain person in Pottinger Street and as he was waiting he was arrested.

Defendant said he wanted to make a few dollars to pay his passage to Manilla.

Mr. Wood imposed a fine of \$2,000 and six months imprisonment.

A CASE FROM SHATOW.

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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVES.

OPENING OF A CLUB.

H.E. The Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.) this morning opened the Hongkong Police Reserve Headquarters Club, in the presence of a full attendance of officers, sergeants and a few visitors including the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. Ellis Kadocor, Mr. T. Hough, the Hon. Mr. Mc. Messer (Capt. Superintendent of Police), Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve), Mr. J. W. Franks (Assistant Superintendent), and others.

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**GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS
IN CHINA.**

SOME INTERESTING RECORDS AND PROSPECTS.

One of the most interesting reports issued in China recently is the "Preliminary Report on the Statistics of Government Railways in China" for the six months ended June 30, 1914. The delay of about a year in its publication may be due to the fact that this is a maiden effort on the part of the Division of Railway Accounts and Statistics, which may also be a reason for the incompleteness in respect of many important items. Nevertheless, taking the report as a preliminary one—and that is all it can be—it is claimed to be—as far as compilation it still has no small value, and Dr. Henry C. Adams, Adviser to the Ministry of Communications, claims "the main facts which it presents are worthy of full confidence."

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

The report follows upon the adoption of a uniform system of accounting by the Government railways, a movement which must be regarded as one in the direction of creating for China those conditions which make great industrial achievements possible. The use of different standards of money, of weight and distance proved one of the first stumbling blocks in the compilation of the report and a reduction to common standards had to be resorted to in the first instance. It was decided to use the Chinese dollar throughout as the unit of money, the metric ton as the unit of weight and the kilometre as the unit of distance. The wide rate of exchange at which foreign investments were converted into Chinese currency was most embarrassing and there has been, from the nature of the case, no uniform or average rate of exchange.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

BRITISH PUSH FORWARD.

London, Aug. 8.
General Sir Douglas Haig in a communiqué says—

Last night the British pushed forward east of Trones Wood and fighting is on the outskirts of Guillemont is proceeding.

The enemy has not renewed his fruitless attacks north and east of Pozières but is maintaining a heavy bombardment on this front and also other portions of the battle area.

We drove back a bomb attack east of the Leipzig salient. Parties who raided the German lines blew up dugouts north of Roclincourt.

The enemy aeroplanes endeavouring to cross our lines on a bombing expedition were cut off and scattered by four of our patrol and two of the enemy were forced to descend.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports—
South-west of Guillemont our line has been advanced 400 yards. The enemy made four attacks north-west of Pozières. Three failed; the other enabled him to occupy fifty yards of trench.

The Germans in attacks north-west of Pozières used flamethrower.

The enemy shelled Longueval, Highwood and Pozières heavily, also the vicinity of Mametz.

The day was quiet elsewhere.

THE POZIERES PLATEAU.

ENEMY'S IDEA OF ITS IMPORTANCE.

Paris, Aug. 8.
The importance the enemy attached to the recapture of the plateau of Pozières may be gauged by an Army Order circulated on the eve of the furious counter-attack made on the 8th inst. It says: "The position must be regained whatever the price." The details of the futile attack show that there was to have been successive waves at intervals of a hundred yards. The individual or detachment not resisting to death was to be court-martialed.

SIMULTANEOUS FRENCH ADVANCE.

Paris, Aug. 8.
A communiqué says:

While the British are attacking Guillemont we have advanced on their right east of Hill 139, north of Hardcourt.

An attack on the trenches we captured yesterday east of Monacu Farm was repulsed with heavy loss.

STRONG ENEMY ATTACKS IN VERTUN REGION.

Paris, Aug. 8.
A strong enemy attack from Flers to the north of the Thiaumont work was checked towards Flers with heavy losses, but the enemy gained a foothold in the Thiaumont work after a stubborn fight which is still proceeding.

FRENCH WAR MINISTER ON THE OUTLOOK.

London, Aug. 8.
The French War Minister, replying to Mr. Lloyd George's message on the occasion of the second anniversary of the War, says: "Decisive battles are progressing. We are attacking the enemy in perfect unity at a moment selected by us. The enemy will soon see his dream of domination vanish, and will fall back on every front."

THE PRISONERS TAKEN AT KUT.

Their whereabouts still unknown.

London, Aug. 8.
In the House of Commons Mr. Robert Cecil stated that notwithstanding repeated inquiries through the United States Embassy, the Government has been unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the prisoners taken by the Turks at Kut. The failure of the Foreign Office to supply the most unsatisfactory and unverified information caused the House of Commons to complain to the Foreign Office.

THE FIGHT NEAR THE CANAL.

CLEARING THE BATTLEFIELD.

London, Aug. 8.
General Murray reports that the mounted troops are in contact with the Turkish rearguard, six miles east of Katia, where the enemy was entrenched at the beginning of his advance.

The work of clearing the battlefield is proceeding. A quantity of rifles and other materials has been brought in up to the present 200 enemy dead have been buried in the areas over which our counter-attack passed on the 4th inst.

An aeroplane bomb attack on Port Said and Suez did little damage and the casualties were slight.

Later.—Special correspondents describing the last phase of the Turkish attack on Egypt, agree that all German tricks failed. A Turkish officer among the captured admitted that our machine-guns were terrible. They cut down men like reaping corn. He marvelled that any escaped. The Turks scattered far and wide in small parties.

The brunt of the fighting was borne by the mounted Anzacs, who have done splendidly.

THE GRECO-SERBIAN FRONT.

BRITISH PATROL IN ACTION.

Salonika, August 8.
A British patrol surprised and dispersed with bombs and bayonet a Bulgarian detachment in a village south of Doiran.

THE TROOP TRAIN SCANDAL IN INDIA.

London, August 8.

Mr. Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the wives and children of the Territorials who died in the troop train in India (referred to in several recent telegrams) will be granted the same rates of pension as if the men had been killed in action. He had proposed to the Army Council that the cases of men who were not Territorials should be similarly treated.

BRITISH CABINET MINISTER RESIGNS.

London, Aug. 8.
Mr. Henderson, Minister of Education, has resigned.

Later.—Mr. Henderson's resignation does not mean trouble in the Ministry. He resigned simply because his Labour work prevents him from devoting adequate time to the duties of his office as Minister of Education.

PORTUGAL AND THE WAR.

Lisbon, August 8.
An extraordinary session of the Congress has been held at which Signor Costa, the Minister of Finance, and Signor Soares, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, narrated the results of a visit to London from which they had just returned.

The Premier, in an incisive speech, eulogised the Allies and spoke in favour of Portuguese participation in the war.

A resolution was adopted approving what the Ministers had done in London.

DEATH OF A JAPANESE ADMIRAL.

OPIUM SMUGGLING IN SCOTLAND.

A CHINESE SAILOR HEAVILY FINED.

London, August 8.

A Chinese sailor has been fined £50 at Glasgow, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, for attempting to smuggle opium.

The Procurator Fiscal said the authorities regarded opium-smuggling as an extremely grave matter.

The shipping trade also was anxious to suppress it, owing to the heavy fines imposed on ships carrying opium.

Several other opium prosecutions are pending in Glasgow.

AMERICAN-MEXICAN DIFFERENCES.

A SUGGESTION BY CARRANZA ACCEPTED.

Washington, August 8.

General Carranza's suggestion for a Joint Commission to settle the differences between America and Mexico has been accepted.

ME. HUNGMAN IN ROME.

Rome, August 8.

Hungman 2nd class, Mr. Alan Spokes, M.P., and Sir Louis Danie, Commissioner to review all the permits.

Turning to naturalization certificates, he announced that none were being granted to Germans now, and admitted that the matter required consideration before any further certificates were granted.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON BRITISH POSITIONS REPULSED.

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BATTLE OF POZIERES.

London, Aug. 8.

One hundred thousand railroad men, members of the railroad brotherhoods, have voted to go out on strike, to enforce their demand for better working conditions and increased wages.

The men on which the men will quit work has not been announced but the railroad heads throughout the country are endeavouring to arrive at a settlement in order to prevent a paralyzation of railroad traffic in various sections of the country.

Washington, August 4.

Government officials are doing all in their power to prevent the general strike of 400,000 railroad employees and a senate committee will in all likelihood be named to investigate the dispute between the railroad workers and officials.

President Wilson has been asked to use his good offices to prevent the strike and there is yet a possibility that the threatened walk-out of the railroad men may be prevented.

The strikers are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The French made further progress south of Thiaumont, capturing machine-guns.

Numerous dead were found in the German trenches.

The French carried more horses in the western part of Fleury.

FIGHTING IN THE STOKHOD REGION.

Paris, Aug. 8.

A communiqué states: The French in the afternoon brilliantly carried a line of German trenches near the Hem Wood and east of Monaco farm, capturing 120 prisoners and a dozen machine-guns.

The French made further progress south of Thiaumont, capturing machine-guns.

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So far no railroads have been tied up but a number of them are threatened with a strike as a result of the vote.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE 2,000 PRISONERS.

Paris, Aug. 8.

A communiqué states: The Russians, as the result of an impetuous attack, drove out the Austro-Germans from their trenches in the Stokhod region, capturing 2,000 officers and men.

Violent fighting is proceeding.

Numerous Austro-German wounded troops are coming in.

ITALIAN SUCCESS.

3,600 PRISONERS TAKEN.

Rome, Aug. 7.

A communiqué states: Artillery activity continues between Adige and the Upper Isonzo.

In the Montalcine area we captured three guns, several dozen machine-guns, a quantity of rifles and ammunition and 3,600 prisoners, including a hundred officers.

Violent fighting is proceeding.

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BRITISH STEAMER BLOWN UP IN VALPARAISO HARBOUR.

Washington, August 1.

The British steamer "Ecuador," of 1,758 tons, belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, has been blown up at Valparaiso.

As a result of the explosion twenty of those on board were killed.

HUGHES A SUFFRAGIST.

Washington, August 2.

Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican candidate, has announced that he is in favour of the woman suffrage movement.

MILITIA FIGHT FLOODS.

Washington, August 4.

The militia men on the border are now engaged in fighting the flooded Rio Grande instead of hostile Mexicans.

Recent rains have caused great floods along the border and the Rio Grande has overflowed and caused a great deal of damage to property at various points.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. "Lights are flashing" Oliver

The Company.

2. (a) "Thi I wake" Flodin

3. "Myself when young" Lehmann

Mr. HUMPHREY BISHOP.

4. "Air Buses" Wroniawski

Violin, Miss SYLVIA KEMPER.

5. "The Jewel Song" (Faust) Gound

Miss NORA MOON.

6. "My First Long Troubles"

Doctor McGinn.

7. "Now Sleeps the Crimson

Pot" Boger Quiller

Violin, Miss SYLVIA KEMPER.

8. "Gipsy Song" Dyorsk

Piano, Mr. DENMAN FULLER.

9. "Le Ross Mourant" Diego

Violin, Miss SYLVIA KEMPER.

10. "The Prologue" (Paginace)

Violin, Mr. HUMPHREY BISHOP.

11. (a) "La Rose Mourante"

Violin, Miss SYLVIA KEMPER.

12. "Down in the Forest"

Violin, Mr. HUMPHREY BISHOP.

13. Suite (1st movement) Schubert

Violin, Miss SYLVIA KEMPER.

14. "Fuzzy Wuzzy"

Violin, Mr. HUMPHREY BISHOP.

15. "Goodnight"

Oliver

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At the end of February, some one was saying that for six weeks at any rate—between the mud and the heat, in the clear air, cloudless days and fresh nights—we were better off than our companions in France. He was of the "French school." An old campaigner in the country, one of the Mesopotamian school! He said, "To-night I saw a fly."

There is no respite or truce in the plagues of Mesopotamia, and the only normal thing in the country on which one can count, is that the plague cycle is unbroken and continuous so that the plagues overlap.

The plagues of May are dust, heat and flies; and the greatest of these is flies. The flies in the tents, dug-outs and trenches, unless seen, are unbelievable. To describe them is to hazard one's reputation for truth. You cannot eat without swallowing flies. You wear your spoon of porridge in the air to shake them off, you put your biscuit and bully-beef in your pocket, and surreptitiously convey them in closed fist to your mouth, but you swallow flies all the same. They settle in clouds on everything as I write, I cannot see the end of my pen. I overtook a squadron of cavalry who had stopped to water their horses. The steely-blue metallic mesh of flies. At the beginning of the dry season, I saw a distant squadron of horse, waving their handkerchiefs rhythmically in the air, as if they were cheering. A hardly credible demonstration on the part of the undemonstrative trooper; and I took it for a trick of the mirage, until I discovered that they were waving off flies. The Mesopotamian variety is indistinguishable from the English house fly except that many of them, one in twenty perhaps, can bite or sting. These apparently are not a different species only more impregnated with vice.

There are other kinds of discomfort, different kinds of heat, the moist and tropical heat of the swamps of the Euphrates and the Shatt-el-Arab, the parched and desert heat of the Tigris and Karun. Each variety has its attendant insects, fleas, scorpions, lice which often take the form of boils and eruptions. On the Karun you may be stricken with what is locally known as "dog-dot," the legacy of some person's fly. The Bagdad oil and the Aleppo date are other flies of the country of which one hears, though I have not encountered them. They leave a permanent impression of Mesopotamia burnt into a cicatrix for life.

I have just paid a visit to Ahwas and the Persian oil-fields, reputed to be the hottest spot in Asia. There is a place called Raibah, where I spent a night, between the Tali-i-Kuyat and the Imam Raza ranges. In a tent last August, the thermometer never fell below 120 for three days and nights, and it reached a maximum of 130. At Ahwas our troops are nearly all under roofs, and the miseries of last year are memory. It was from here that the 15th Brigade made their great march to Amara last June, an exploit of which little has been heard, but one which will be numbered with the great classic marches of history. I have just read the story of the campaign is written.

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"What do you call really hot?" I asked. "Oh, about 118!" In one's tent, of course it goes up to anything. The flies won't bother you then.

THE REAT.

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weather, when the mosquitoes die, the crows gap, and the brainfever birds cease to sing. But in India heat is tempered by humidity. One is armed against it externally, with punkahs and cold baths, thick walls and doors and windows which shut it out and internally with cool rooms spreading trees and plants by the roadside; but Mesopotamia where we are fighting, there is no shade—not so much as a single spriggy date palm.

Naturally, one's thoughts go back to France. He was of the "French school." An old campaigner in the country, one of the Mesopotamian school!

"To-night I saw a fly," he said, "Touch wood," he said. "To-night I saw a fly."

The morning's work done, you lie in your tent with the day open and the sides lined up and gap through the long day waiting for the sun to go down. You only appear it's a solar topic, or a well-tow'd round your head. But you are broken in dust and heat. The thermometer rises up to 130 in a tent, where the temperature is standard reading. Outside one soldier wears a coat. Force "D" leads the simple life, and is brought up against elements and needs. The Mesopotamian sun corrades all pride. It is so voracious of energy that the Staff Officer will ride abroad in his shirt sleeves, innocent of red tabs. But one wears a sun-guard over one's helmet, and a spine pad: for one can get sunstroke here through the small of one's back.

The torridest hot wind is better than complete stillness, though it bounces off the ground and buffets you, digging the sand and dust in your face. You eat sand, breath sand, lie in sand, have sand in your ears and eyes and clothes. Sand flies by night; flies by day, until they arrive up; sand and suffocation by day and night.

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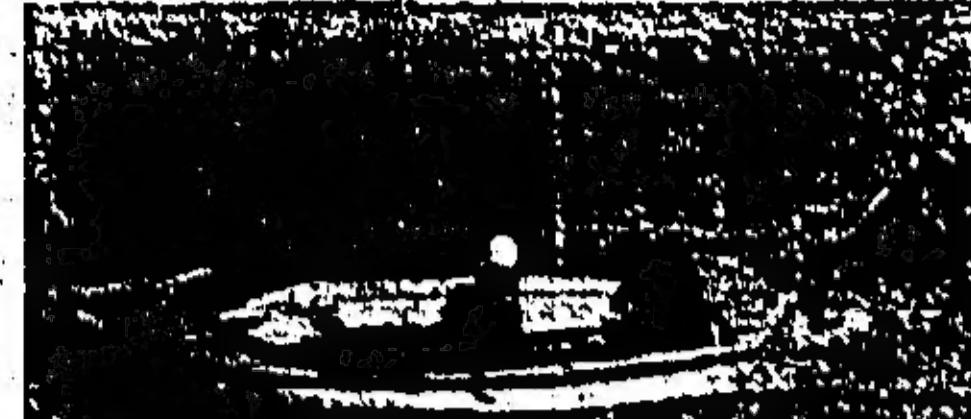
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The P. & O. Outward Mail steamer *Kangaroo*, with the London Mail of the 27th ult., arrived at Port Said on Sunday, the 6th inst.

Other Vessels.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s chartered ss. *Sengoku* left Singapore for this port on the 5th instant p.m., and is due here on the 11th instant p.m.

The ss. *Shikra* from Calcutta, left Calcutta on the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The Mail Service by rail to Canton is suspended until further notice.

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Per *Norway* at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 10th Aug.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

Per *Wingpan*, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 10th Aug.

HAIPHONG.

Per *Kaiyong*, at 9 a.m. on Friday, the 11th Aug.

JAPAN VIA KUCHINGTU, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA & CANADA VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

Per *Tykenberg*. Registration at 9.15 p.m. Letters at 10 a.m. on Friday, the 11th Aug.

STRATOS, BURMAH, Ceylon, Aden, Laide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe.

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SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

Per *Hatching*, at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, the 11th Aug.

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Per *Longgang*, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the 13th Aug.

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